

## INSISTS ON DISAVOWAL

New Ancona Note Is Friendly but as Firm as First

## WILL NOT DEBATE ORIGINAL DEMANDS

Belief Softer Tone Will Permit Austria to Yield Without Resentment

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—President Wilson's reply to the Austrian note on the sinking of the Ancona was made public here yesterday at noon. In it the United States serves notice on Austria;

1. That it will not discuss the circumstances of the sinking of the Ancona or the legality of the submarine attack.

2. That it will not furnish Austria with a bill of particulars.

3. That this government feels obliged to renew the demands made upon Austria in its first note.

To these items in the note the United States adds another plain intimation that a refusal to yield on the part of Austria will mean the breaking off of diplomatic relations.

1. Denunciation of the sinking of the Ancona.

2. Punishment of the submarines commander responsible.

3. Reparation by the payment of a money indemnity.

Means "Yield or a Break."

On the note made public yesterday depends whether Austria shall continue to have diplomatic relations with the United States. The note has been delivered to the foreign office in Vienna, but as yet no definite indication has reached Washington as to whether or not Austria will yield.

While the note given out yesterday is not an ultimatum in the true sense of the word, because it imposes no time limit, it clearly conveys an impression of finality which is expected to prevent any further attempt at discussion unless Austria should see fit to repudiate the statement of her admiralty, upon which the entire case of the United States is based.

Taken as a whole this government's second note to Austria is milder than the first. It is free from such expressions as "barbarous," "abhorrent," "wanton slaughter" and "outrage," which characterized the first communication and which were largely responsible for the deep feeling that was aroused in Austria and Hungary.

The United States in the second note, while yielding not an iota as regards its demands and the principles involved, has obviously made an effort to soften the tone of its communication.

This is regarded by the president's advisers as a wise move. The state department has been informed that the sharp, harsh character of the first note made it impossible for Austria to yield without deep humiliation. The officials of the state department saw, too, that a reiteration of the offensive words

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used in the first note would not only add to the strength of the United States position, but would be certain further to inflame the Austrian people.

The second Ancona note is:

You are instructed to address a note to the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, textually as follows: "The government of the United States has received the note of your excellency relative to the sinking of the Ancona, which was delivered at Vienna on Dec. 15, 1915, and transmitted to Washington, and has given the note immediate and careful consideration."

"On Nov. 15, 1915, Baron Ziwiedek, the charge d'affaires of the imperial and royal government at Washington transmitted to the department of state a report of the Austro-Hungarian admiralty with regard to the sinking of the steamship Ancona, in which it was admitted that the vessel was torpedoed when her engines had been stopped and when passengers were still on board."

"This admission alone is, in the view of the government of the United States, sufficient to fix upon the commander of the submarine which fired the torpedo the responsibility for having willfully violated the recognized law of nations and entirely disregarded those humane principles which every belligerent should observe in the conduct of war at sea."

"In view of these admitted circumstances the government of the United States feels justified in holding that the details of the sinking of the Ancona, the weight and character of the additional testimony corroborating the admiralty's report and the number of Americans killed or injured are in no way essential matters of discussion. The culpability of the commander is in any case established, and the undisputed fact is that citizens of the United States were killed, injured or put in jeopardy by his lawless act."

"The rules of international law and the principles of humanity which were thus willfully violated by the commander of the submarine have been so long and so universally recognized and are so manifest from the standpoint of right and justice that the government of the United States does not feel called upon to debate them and does not understand that the imperial and royal government questions or disputes them."

"The government of the United States therefore finds no other course open to it to hold the imperial and royal government responsible for the act of its naval commander and to renew the definite but respectful demands made in its communication of the 6th of December, 1915."

"It sincerely hopes that the foregoing statement of its position will enable the imperial and royal government to perceive the justice of those demands and to comply with them in the same spirit of frankness and with the same concern for the good relations now existing between the United States and Austria-Hungary which promoted the government of the United States to make them."

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## READY TO RETURN FIRE

American Troops at El Paso Are Given Instructions

## TO PROTECT ALL AMERICANS

The Killing of Brakeman Is Said to Have Been Deliberate

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—American troops at El Paso, the war department announced yesterday, have been given orders to "return vigorously any further deliberate firing" from the Mexican side of the border.

General Pershing, in command at El Paso, has reported that the firing which resulted late Tuesday in the death of an American car inspector was the deliberate act of a squad of Mexicans who appeared half a mile east of the international bridge.

American troops, the report added, were covering the whole river front.

During the rioting in Juarez, the report said, there had been little firing and none towards the American side.

General Avila, who was in charge of the troops in Juarez, ordered several of the rioters shot, according to a military report from the border.

A state department agent at El Paso reported that the American car inspector was killed by an irresponsible soldier, who was afterward killed by his own men.

Complete tranquility prevailed in Juarez early yesterday, according to a dispatch from El Paso, Tex., 1,000 troops had arrived from the south but these were said to be part of a force surrendered by their officers at the Carranza consulate here during the night.

## MONROE CHIEF OF FIRST BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE

General Sir Archibald Murray Has Been Sent to Take His Place at the Dardanelles.

London, Dec. 23.—Lieutenant General Sir Archibald Murray has been appointed to succeed Sir Charles Monro, as British commander at the Dardanelles, says an official statement issued yesterday afternoon. Sir Charles Monro has been appointed in command of the first British army in France, in succession to Sir Douglas Haig.

POPE'S NEPHEW GOES TO WAR. Commissioned a Lieutenant of Artillery in Italian Army.

Rome, Dec. 23.—Marchese Giuseppe della Chiesa, nephew of Pope Benedict, left for the Italian front yesterday. He has been commissioned a lieutenant of artillery.

MUNITION FACTORY BLOWS UP. German Plant at Minister Explodes, Damaging Town.

Amsterdam, Dec. 23.—A German munitions factory at Minister, Westphalia, exploded early yesterday, according to advices received here. The town was badly damaged. Railway communication has been interrupted.

## HOUSE GOING TO AID OUR ENVOYS

The Object of His Mission to Europe Is Made Clear

## THE PRESIDENT CONFIRMS IT

To Acquaint Diplomats with the United States' Policies

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 23.—President Wilson confirmed yesterday Col. E. M. House's statement that the latter's mission to Europe was not one of peace.

The president admitted he knew of the plan of Col. House to visit Europe before he left Washington and that the latter had no intention of bearing peace messages.

The president would make no other comment.

It was understood the president will make no peace advances of any kind until he receives further intimations that they would be welcome.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Inability on the part of the American ambassadors and minister in the various belligerent capitals of Europe to understand the general policy of the United States toward the numerous issues raised during the war, is understood on reliable authority to be the real reason for the sending of Col. E. M. House on a secret mission abroad.

On high authority at the state department it was learned yesterday that the difficulties of cable communication between this country and the foreign capitals and the uncertainties between the entente capitals and those of the central powers had caused the department much trouble. It has been impossible, for example, to acquaint Ambassador Page at London with the negotiations being carried on by Ambassador Gerard in Berlin and vice versa.

Armed with a thorough outline of the American policy toward all the belligerents, Col. House will visit each capital and confer with the American diplomat there.

On his return to the United States he will have a complete resume of what each diplomat has accomplished or attempted to accomplish toward a settlement of the serious questions pending.

This, it is said, is the primary object of Col. House's trip. It has nothing to do with any peace moves or with the collection of information concerning the methods employed by the various belligerents to carry on the war.

That Col. House may obtain valuable information concerning the timeliness of fresh peace negotiations is admitted. But it is flatly denied that he is going for this purpose.

## G. O. P. LEADERS IN NEW YORK

Sudden Gathering Follows the Increasing Belief That the Colonel Will Head the 1916 Ticket.

New York, Dec. 23.—Hot on the heels of the reported Roosevelt boom, Republican leaders began arriving in New York yesterday. They solemnly denied that the Roosevelt talk had anything to do with their visits here, but the rumor that a conference was scheduled was soon in circulation.

The gossip that went the rounds of the hotel lobbies was that Republican leaders were rushing here for a conference with Chairman Hill, who conducted the Taft campaign in 1912. This conference, it was rumored, was to devise ways and means of chocking off the Roosevelt sentiment before it got a real start.

Senator Theodore E. Burton of Ohio, himself one of the leading presidential possibilities, was at the Waldorf hotel yesterday. So was H. D. Maxson, Republican national committee man from Nevada. It was reported that Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania and former Senator Crane of Massachusetts either were in town or are expected here, and that they planned to meet Hill.

Senator Burton said the report of the conference was news to him. He came to New York to deliver an address, he said.

National Committeeman Maxson, who was injured in an auto accident Tuesday night, sent word from his room that he came to town on business and knew nothing about a Republican conference to stem the Roosevelt boom.

"I can't comment on the possibilities of Roosevelt landing the nomination," said Maxson. "I'm in the position of a witness who refuses to answer on the ground that the question is immaterial."

NEW YORK TO EAT HORSES.

The Old Ones Will Be Fattened for Meat.

New York, Dec. 23.—Sale of horse meat for food will be permitted in New York after Jan. 1 under the authority of the board of health. Commenting upon the revocation of the section of the sanitary code which prohibited the use of horse flesh, Commissioner Emerson said that while the health department does not exactly recommend it no harm can be seen in its use. "The horse never has tuberculosis and almost never commences a malignant disease to be do man beings," he said. "Hereafter, old horses instead of being sold for their bones, which are worth little or nothing, will be fattened and disposed of for meat."

AMELIA BINGHAM'S HUSBAND DEAD

Survives to Presumably During Stay of Food Party in the Norwegian Capital.

Christiania, Norway, Dec. 23.—Lloyd Bingham, a member of the Food party party, died yesterday of pneumonia. He was the husband of Amelia Bingham, the American actress.

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Mother of Gertie Schmitz of Cincinnati Feared Girl Was Wayward in Conduct.

Cincinnati, Dec. 23.—With the same necktie with which she attempted to take her own life Sunday, Mrs. Minnie Schmitz yesterday strangled her 17-year-old daughter, Gertie, to death, according to the police.

George H. Schmitz was awakened early yesterday by his wife shouting in his ear:

"I've killed Gertie!"

Schmitz ran downstairs to his daughter's room, lifted the body of the girl, removed the tie from her neck and tried to revive her. It was too late.

When the police arrived Mrs. Schmitz was weeping. She was arrested and held. The mother and daughter, Schmitz said, had quarreled violently. Mrs. Schmitz upbraided the girl for going out nights and for the company she kept.

"My wife could not understand Gertie's desire for youthful companionship," said Schmitz. "She brooded, thinking her daughter would be led into improper ways. My wife did not know what she was doing. I am certain her mind has given way."

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